allocation for agricultural development in Gujarat

817. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-IANKERDAVE: Will the Minis-• of PLANNING AND PROGR A-E IMPLEMENTATION be pleased state:

(a) the allocations made for the velopment of agriculture in Gujarat ning ' 992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) whether the State Government s sent a proposal for additional ads for the current ye

(c) if so, thedetai' f; and

(d) the details of the funds ovided to the State so far for the >ove ourpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF [IE MINISTRY OF PLANNING ND PROGRAMME IMPLE-ENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR OMANGO): (a) The Planning onimission finalises the sectoral locations for the Annual Plans of the ates in consultation with them for fferent sectors of development. For le year 1992-93 and 1993-94. an nountofRs. 126.26 crores and Rs. £6.26 crores respectively had been jreed to for Agriculture and Allied ctivities Sector.

(b)to (d) Planning Commission ive not received any request fro:n ie Government of Gujarat for Iditional funds for the current year.

Launching of wage earning programme

818. SHRI KANAKSINH IOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will ie Minister of PLANNING .ND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new guaranteed wage earning programme has been launched during 1993-94 and in the current year upto October, 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether any such type of programme has been launched in Gujarat States also:

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, ihe reasons therefor; and

(e) by when such a programme is likely to be launched in ihe State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) Government of India launched a new scheme namely the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) on 2-10-1993 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which provides for about IOO days of assured casual manual labour employment during the lean agricultural season at the statutory minimum wage to all persons above 18 years and below 60 years of age in the rural areas who need and seek it. The EAS is being implemented in 1778 identified back-ward blocks in the country. These blocks are situated mainly in the Drought Prone Areas, Desert Areas, tribal Areas and Hill Areas in which the Revamded Public Distribution System (RPDS) is currently in operation.

(c) and (d) The Employment Assurance scheme is being implemented in 97 RPDS blocks in Gujarat. In Gujarat during 1993-94, 6.75 lakh mandays of employment was generated under EAS at a total expenditure of Rs. 146.21 lakhs. In 1994-95. (April to September, 1994) 4.76 lakhs mandays of e nployment has been generated at an expenditure of 131.72 lakhs.

(e) Does not arise.